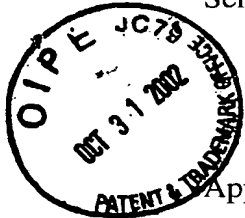


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2002, no paper number, in the subject patent application, for which a response is due on August 22, 2002, and for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a two-month extension, ending 22 October 2002, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Please charge the required fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for extending the time for a response within the second month after the original response date, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account 07-0832.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16, 17, 23 and 25-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claim 24 with the following new claim 24.

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